

EAST RAIL TRUST.  
 No. 2320

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 Recd  
 1897-1898

Individual  
 1905

Subject

Lake Mequade Scheme

Complains of delay in answering their  
 letters & enumerates numerous questions to which it is  
 necessary they should receive replies at once

(Minutes)

Mr. Andrews

There is no foundation, whatever for  
 the statement at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> page of  
 the letter I told Messrs. Miller that we  
 were sending the Syndicate a letter stating that  
 the Govt could not give a guarantee - & that  
 we had not dealt with any other questions  
 in the letter as we understood the  
 guarantee question to be a vital one & that  
 if they could not get the guarantee the  
 scheme would fall through. In fact the  
 official letter states that Mr. L. understands  
 that a Govt guarantee of interest on a  
 portion of the capital to be raised is not  
 considered essential to the success of the  
 enterprise - Messrs. V said that they  
 intended to try to get their money, even  
 without

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In the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 10<sup>th</sup> of Oct. the  
Syndicate was advised that for the next  
shall be given for a longer term than 3  
years, or that the rate should not be raised  
if it can be shown that any increase would  
interfere with the industry - & further that  
the rate of 7 per cent for Coal should be  
reduced to

In the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct. the Syndicate  
say that they would be prepared to submit a  
proposal & discuss the matter for a sliding  
scale in relation to the market price of  
Iron ore here & there - & hope that  
has already mentioned the sliding scale which  
is printed in the first part of the printed  
memo attached to 36895

I gathered from my talks at our recent  
meeting that the Syndicate wanted the  
7/2 rate for Coal if they could get it,  
& feeling that the sliding scale  
in the Syndicate was up - it being  
to show it in the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct. I suppose  
we can assume that they want the 7/2  
for Soda for a longer period than 3 years  
- & I think we would do better to  
first thing to be done - to telegraph  
to the Commission with reference to 43450

& ask whether the General manager is of  
opinion that the 7/2 rate for Soda can be  
granted for a longer term than 3 years,  
if so for what period - & that a 7/2 rate for  
Coal can be granted for the same period  
when we get the reply we will send it to the Treasury

Covering of lands - I think that  
the local authorities  
should be made  
responsible for the  
protection of the  
lands in the  
vicinity of the  
railway.

Function of land at Khandwa - See  
2<sup>nd</sup> para of Comm. - Reply the  
land is not to be  
used for any other  
purpose than the  
railway. The land  
should be reserved  
for the use of the  
railway. The land  
belonging to private  
persons should be  
acquired for the  
railway. The land  
should be reserved  
for the use of the  
railway.

Settling the matter in the  
C. of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. I was  
convinced of the  
necessity of the  
acquisition of the  
land. It was  
not necessary  
to go into the  
various questions  
raised in the  
C. of the 5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. - The  
statement for the  
C.O. was  
prepared to give  
my answer to the  
various points  
raised in the  
C. of the  
5<sup>th</sup> of Oct. - The  
reply is prepared  
with regard to  
(a), (c), & (d), & say that  
a

attached to  
this

a further notice will be made to  
them with regard to the railway  
- other etc. to the Comm. at 501  
proposed with regard to (b)?

H. J. R.  
8/12

1000  
8/12  
amount

19, ST. SMITH'S LANE,  
LONDON, E.C.

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THE EAST AFRICA SYNDICATE LIMITED

BY HAND.

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7th December 1908.



Sir,

Major Villiers has reported to my Board the interview which he had yesterday with Mr. Read, in which he was informed that His Majesty's Government could not give any help towards the construction of a railway to Lake Magadi, and that the Colonial Office was not prepared to give any answers to the many other points which were raised in my letter of the 16th October, some of which were before you some six months ago.

My Directors request me to point out that these are ordinary business questions, and that until they are satisfactorily answered it is impossible for my Directors to endeavour to make satisfactory financial arrangements that will enable the deposit to be worked, and at the same time, to point out that the East Africa Syndicate is a Company with some hundreds of Shareholders, and not a small influential group - as it has been represented to be by those who are antagonistic to it - that the Syndicate has already spent, or is committed to spend shortly, £65,000 in East Africa, and that the delay which has taken place in answering letters and questions since the East Africa Protectorate was transferred from the Foreign Office to the Colonial Office, has caused, and is causing, great discontent among the Shareholders of the Company. The principal questions to which it is absolutely necessary my Board should receive answers at once are:-

- (a) With reference to the Pier at Killindini, concerning which we have not heard from you since the 15th September 1909.
- (b) With reference to the rates on the Uganda Railway from Kisumu to Mombasa:
- (c) With reference to suitable covering of trucks carrying Soda down to Mombasa:
- (d) With reference to the Syndicate being able to purchase a few square yards of land from the Government upon which to build sheds to protect Soda from the weather while awaiting shipment:

My Board understand that the Government own all the land in the neighbourhood of the Harbour where the Pier is likely to be built.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Secretary

The Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, K.C., M.P.,  
Colonial Office, S.W.

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The Banking of the East Africa Syndicate

Per 9 December 1900

MINUTE

Meeting of Directors  
Held on 9th Dec 1900

- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...
- Mr. ...

I am directed to  
 to send the receipt of  
 your letter of the  
 9th inst on the subject  
 of the proposed railway  
 to Lake Magadi in  
 the B.A.P., and to  
 inform you that, as  
 it is not possible to  
 guarantee the letter  
 from this dept. of the  
 B.A.P., it was under-  
 stood that a joint  
 guarantee of interest  
 on a portion of the  
 capital required was  
 wanted to the amount  
 of the outlay, and

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that, as it was impossible  
to give such a guarantee,  
was not considered  
necessary to discuss  
the various questions  
raised in your letter of the 14th of ...

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The understanding from  
the bank that there  
was no intention  
of making any  
arrangement for  
the purchase of  
the land at Kibirindie

to give you as  
follows in regard to  
the four matters  
as to which you  
enquired in your  
letter of the 14th of ...

is based upon a complete  
misunderstanding  
and that the question of  
giving a guarantee is  
definitely closed

open goods is a ques-  
tioned with particular  
reference to what will be provided,  
I am yours  
W.T.O.

Letter under date of 14th

(1) Mr. J. H. ... is  
of opinion that whatever  
landings facilities  
are required at Kibirindie  
should be effected  
by the Government  
and that the  
collection of the  
local authorities, whether  
the price of any funds can  
be found for the  
purpose.

It is suggested that  
the Government should  
be asked to provide  
the necessary funds  
for the construction  
of the railway.

(2) As to the provision of  
land at Kibirindie for  
storing the ore, the  
Colonial has reported  
that

except the land which  
is considered railway  
property, only a small  
plot is now covered by  
the railway.

The railway is  
now covered by  
the railway.

The question of granting  
for a considerable period, some  
land for the railway  
is a matter of some  
importance. It is  
necessary to consider  
the question of granting  
land for the railway  
in a way which will  
be of benefit to the  
public.

cannot be settled  
at this time

The first thing

R. J. Anthon

no  
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DRAFT.

Tobon to  
Gashoon  
Mombasa

MINUTE.

- Mr. Wills 9 Div
- Mr. Reed 7
- Mr. Antrobus 9
- Mr. Coar
- Mr. Lucas
- Mr. Graham
- Mr. M. Ommanney 9/10
- The Duke of Marlborough
- Mr. Lyttelton

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Tobon y draft

draft no 43450

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General

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Pattos  
with ref to top. Tobon?  
Latitude and  
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Daylong 540  
your draft No  
Logflies  
Carree wholesale  
consider that  
halfpenny rate for  
roads  
plagues  
may be granted for